not morning yet; apple-pie beds, ducks and chickens in beds, and figures dressed up! It was a strange propensity, and not very hospitable. It was at last put a stop to by one of those tricks being the occasion of loss of reason for a long time to a foolish young man on whom it was played. Amongst a large party, one person who was expected, and whom the young man knew a little, was reported to have died suddentyo His death was talked of and canvassed, everyone but this youth being in the plot. In the middle of supper (at least, when the servants had with-drawn) the supposed dead man appeared in the room, dressed in a shroud, with his face powdered and ghastly. The young man exclaimed he saw him; everyone else declared they saw nothing. This had so dreadful an effect upon the poor weak-minded youth, that he fell down in a fit, and when restored to life did not recover his senses. Since that time, I understand, no tricks have been played, which I was very glad of, I assure you.

After my return home, Lord Strathmore, from

Gibside, and his friend Wharton dined with me,
and my description of the agreeable entertainment
I had met with at Seaton Delaval induced them
to entreat me to obtain permission to introduce